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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO DEPARTURE OF US DEPENDENTS &
TRAVEL ADVISORY TO US CITIZENS

1. MOST BEIRUT DAILIES JULY 28 FRONT-PAGED NEWS OF IMPENDING DEPARTURE OF EMBASSY DEPENDENTS AND TRAVEL ADVISORY TO OTHER U.S. CITIZENS. BANNERLINES INCLUDED LEFTIST AL-LIWA'S "SURPRISING ACTION ON EVE OF (LEBANESE ARMY DEPLOYMENT TO SOUTH. TWO POSSIBILITIES BEHIND DECISION: ARAB-ISRAELI WAR OR PARTITION." OTHER HEADLINES, HOWEVER, LESS ALARMIST. TYPICAL SAMPLE IS ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY IKE: "U.S. CITIZENS ADVISED TO LEAVE."

2. INDEPENDENT DAILY AN NAHAR CHOSE NOT TO CARRY STORY, EVEN THOUGH THEY DEFINITELY HAD THE NEWS EARLIER THAN ANY OTHER NEWSPAPER IN TOWN. IN ITS REVIEW OF SECURITY SITUATION, HOWEVER, AN NAHAR DID MENTION THAT GOL OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER "INDICATORS THAT MAY BE SIGNALLING AN IMMINENT
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EXPLOSION."

3. AL-LIWA EMBROIDERED ON NEWS BY ADDING THAT "SUDDEN U.S. DECISION TO EVACUATE CITIZENS COULD HAVE MANY REASONS INCLUDING: 1) EXPECTATION OF LARGE-SCALE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR IN LEBANON WHICH COULD EXTEND ABROAD, OR 2) EXPECTATION OF CONTINUATION OF INTERNAL WAR, YET ON LARGER SCALE THAN IT IS

NOW, WHICH COULD RESULT IN KING OF PARTITION BELSSED BY BIG
POWERS, PARTICULARLY THAT PHALANGE PARTY AND CHAMONISTS
STARTED LAST THREE DAYS TALKING OPENLY ABOUT MINI-STATE WAR
IN LEBANON." PARKER

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